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PEACE KEEPING TECHNIQUES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting to focus on peace keeping techniques has been held recently;

(b) if so, the countries which participated in the meeting;

(c) the rationale behind holding the said meeting; and

(d) the outcome of the meeting?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) An event with focus on peacekeeping techniques was organised at the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK), New Delhi, from 10th February to 21st February 2003.This event was conducted under the sponsorship of the Indian Army and US Army Pacific Command, as a Peacekeeping Operations Command Post Exercise (named Exercise Shanti Path).

(b) Sixteen countries namely, Bangladesh, Canada, Fiji, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, UK, USA, Uruguay and India participated in the event.The United Nations Headquarters was also represented in the event.

(c) The objective of Exercise Shanti Path was aimed at promoting regional and multilateral cooperation in planning and conducting peacekeeping operations. The Exercise also involved Peacekeeping Operations by the participants in various computer simulated environs.

(d) The Exercise, apart from bolstering the cooperation between the Indian and US armies in the field of Peacekeeping, also provided a forum for knowledge and experience sharing on Peacekeeping by the participating countries.